



Facilitation Report

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Outcomes:

- In the first session of the day I worked with Dianna, Teri and Chrissie. We reviewed the progress that each had made since my last visit and then focused on their needs for today. I showed them how to upload images to their wiki page from their computers. I demonstrated the need to ensure that all images loaded to the Internet need to be reduced in size and I installed XP image Resizer utility. This tool will only run on XP machines, but it can be found to download from here: <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/powertoys/xppowertoys.msp> For machines that are running on Windows7 there is a built in utility to re-size images, but I ran out of time to demonstrate how to do this. I showed how to re-size then upload images to the wiki page. I then spent some time introducing the following tools <http://littlebirdtales.com> and <http://storybird.com> I also mentioned that <http://fotobabble.com> might be a good tool to look at. However we spent most of the remaining time examining and experimenting with <http://littlebirdtales.com>
- At morning tea I spoke with Bevan who expressed an interest in setting up a TV station for the school. I shared the following site with him, on which I have created several TV stations for school. <http://livestream.com> it used to be <http://mogulus.com> and I have run a breakout session at Ulearn on Mogulus, you can see all of the materials produced for this session here: <http://ulearn-mogulus.wikispaces.com>
- After morning tea I worked with Jenny, Justine and Bryer. We discussed Learning at Schools conference and the feedback from it and pitfalls to be avoided for Ulearn later in the year. Basically avoid breakouts that are selling stuff and walk out immediately if you discover you are in one that is selling! Bryer, the reason your wiki looks so awful on your computer is because of the

issues highlighted below. Use Firefox in the interim. I showed Justine how to set up and edit a table of contents on her wiki page. I also showed them <http://flashvortex.com> to add a little bling to your wiki, you can also use <http://wix.com> for uber bling, but be warned you can burn hours of time in here creating bling for a tool that is meant to be quick, the wiki that is! We spent time working with <http://littlebirdtales.com> and with <http://storybird.com> I shared how I have used these tools with other classes as literacy tools, especially Storybird when used in conjunction with <http://vocaroo.com> and <http://voicethread.com> At the end of the session I shared with Bryer Gamemaker8 which is a great tool for students to hone their resilience and also enhance their problem solving, logic and reasoning skills as well as provide an authentic maths scenario for them. This tool can be downloaded from <http://yoyogames.com>

- After lunch I worked with the TAs. I have created a wiki for them <http://waiaupata.wikispaces.com> and we have also created library and office wikis too <http://librarywps.wikispaces.com> <http://waiaupa-office.wikispaces.com> Everyone created a wikispaces account and became members of the TA wiki. I then demonstrated how to edit pages and to put images from the internet into a wiki and also how to upload images from the computer. This session was difficult to manage due to the difficulties with IE6 and wikispaces, so this group need to have more time to practice and consolidate what they saw today.
- After 3:00 I showed Debra how to use <http://photobucket.com> I showed her how to upload images and organize them into albums and then create slideshows from these images. Once the slideshow was completed I showed Debra how to embed this slideshow into a wiki and even into the new website format. Although this did seem to stall, so it may need to be allowed as an option from the hosts and will need to be specifically checked.

Forward action:

- You are experiencing editing issues on Wikis with the older TELA and COW laptops because they are currently running Internet Explorer 6 and Wikispaces stopped supporting this old browser in late 2010. The alternative is to let staff use Firefox which is on their computers, but believe they are not allowed to use or to get your tech team to update the Internet Explorer to version 7 or the current version 8.